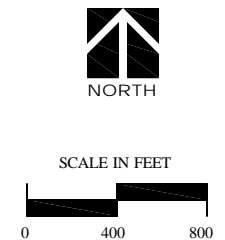
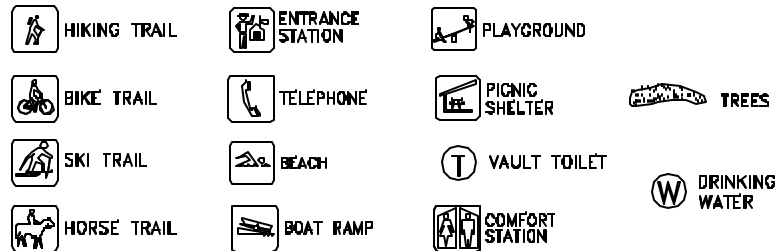
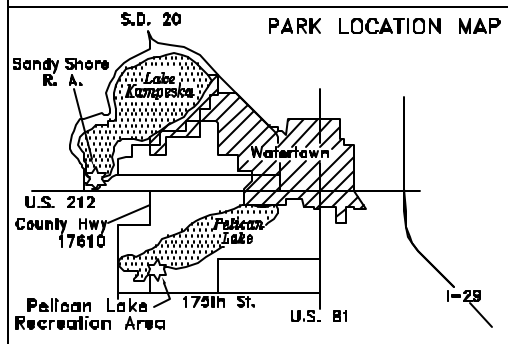
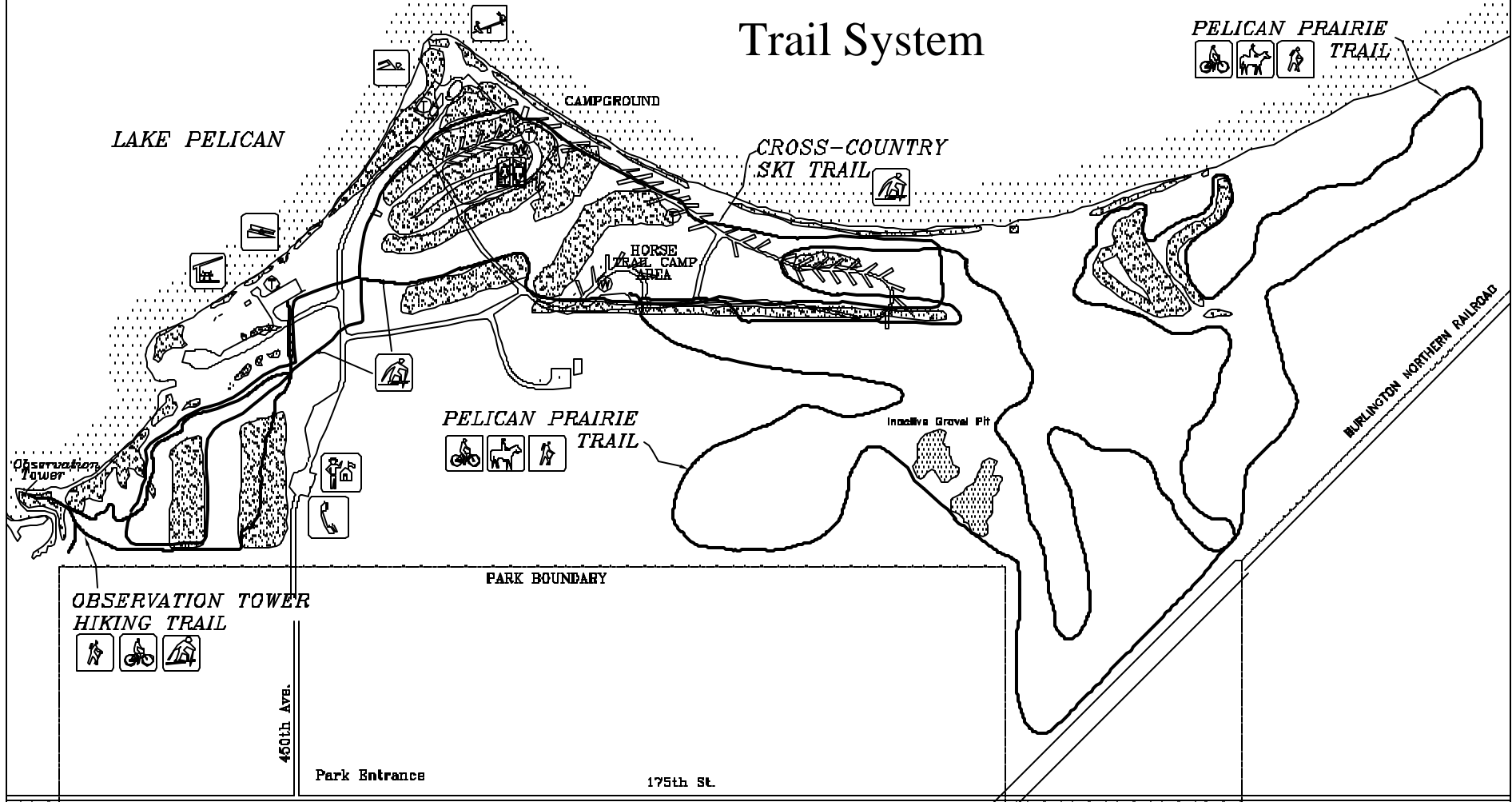


Pelican Lake Recreation Area Trail System



Date: 6/18/02

Pelican Lake Recreation Area

Cross-Country Ski Trail

Type of trail: Cross-country skiing

Trail surface: Snow

Rated: Moderate, somewhat hilly, even trail surface

Fee required: Park Entrance License

Length of trail in miles: 2.4 miles

Location of the trailhead: Immediately east of warming shelter

Facilities at or near the trailhead: Toilet, parking , warming shelter

Facilities along the trail: None

Will there be interpretive information available: No

What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park: Tent camping, electrical campsites, wheelchair accessible campsite, camping cabin, horse camp

Does this trail connect with any other trails:

Yes, a portion of the hiking trail is used as part of the cross- country ski trail

Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.: In Watertown – 9 miles NE

Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park: In Watertown – 9 miles NE

Nearest Chamber of Commerce:

Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce, 1200 33rd St. SE, Watertown, SD 57201, (605) 886-5814

Emergency phone numbers:

Ambulance - 911

Sheriff - 911

Fire Department - 911

Do most cell phones work on this trail: Yes

The 2.4 mile cross-country ski trail winds through trees and prairie and along the shoreline of Pelican Lake. A warming shelter and parking area is available near the trailhead and the trail is packed (groomed) when adequate snow conditions exist.

Pelican Lake Recreation Area

Observation Tower Hiking Trail

Type of trail: Hiking, biking and cross-country skiing

Trail surface: Grass

Rated: Moderate, somewhat hilly, even trail surface

Fee required: Park Entrance License

Length of trail in miles: .75 miles

Location of the trailhead: Immediately east of warming shelter

Facilities at or near the trailhead: Toilet, parking and warming shelter

Facilities along the trail: Bench, observation tower

Will there be interpretive information available: No

What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park: Tent camping, electrical campsites, wheelchair accessible campsite, camping cabin, horse camp

Does this trail connect with any other trails: Yes, cross-country ski trail in winter

Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.: In Watertown – 9 miles NE

Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park: In Watertown – 9 miles NE

Nearest Chamber of Commerce:

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Emergency phone numbers:

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Do most cell phones work on this trail: Yes

The .75 mile winds through prairie, tree belts and along wetlands. An observation tower is located along the trail at an inlet to Pelican Lake and is a nice stop to view the lake, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Other bird species along with wildlife can also be viewed from the trail. Adequate parking and an accessible picnic site are located near the trailhead.

Pelican Lake Recreation Area

Pelican Prairie Trail

Type of trail: Hiking, biking and horseback riding

Trail surface: Grass

Rated: Moderate, somewhat hilly, even trail surface

Fee required: Park Entrance License

Length of trail in miles: 5.2 miles

Location of the trailhead: Adjacent to trail camp and parking area

Facilities at or near the trailhead: Toilet, parking, picnic table, corrals, horse campground

Facilities along the trail: None

Will there be interpretive information available: No information

What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park: Tent camping, electrical campsites, wheelchair accessible campsite, camping cabin, horse camp

Does this trail connect with any other trails: None

Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.: In Watertown – 9 miles NE

Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park: In Watertown – 9 miles NE

Nearest Chamber of Commerce:

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Fire Department - 911

Do most cell phones work on this trail: Yes

Pelican Lake Recreation Area

Pelican Prairie Trail

The Pelican Lake multi-use trail is 5.2 miles in length and is available for hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. The trail encompasses the east portion of the park and winds through gently rolling prairie and in and around tree belts. During certain times of the year wildflowers, such as the pasque flower, can be observed from the trail. The trail offers scenic views of Lake Pelican and in different locations along the trail the skyline of the City of Watertown can be seen in the distance. The possibility for viewing birds and wildlife also exists along the route.

A trail camp area is located at the trailhead providing parking, a non-electric camping area as well as hitching posts and corrals for horseback riding enthusiasts. Located close to Highway 212 the Pelican multi-use trail is an excellent stopover for horseback riders traveling to and from the Black Hills.